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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2006

M.A. Political Science, George Washington University, 2002

B.A. Political Science, George Washington University, 2001 (*Cum Laude*)

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University
September 2013-Present

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University
September 2013-Present

Director, American Politics Program, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University
September 2013-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University
August 2007-August 2013

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Louisiana State University
August 2006-June 2007

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
August 2004-June 2006

Peer Reviewed Publications

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2013. Backlash and Legitimation: Macro Political Responses to Supreme Court Decisions. *American Journal of Political Science.*

Media

"Monday Roundup" *SCOTUS Blog* June 24, 2013.

"Supreme Court Decisions in Favor of Gay Marriage Would Not Go 'Too Far, Too Fast' " *Opinion Today* (blog operated by *Polling Report*) June 21, 2013.

Manzano, Sylvia and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2013. Desperately Seeking Sonia?: Latino Heterogeneity and Geographic Variation in Web Searches for Judge Sonia Sotomayor. *Political Communication* 30(1): 81-99.

Taylor-Robinson, Michelle M., and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2013. Public Opinion and Conflict in the Separation of Powers: Understanding the Honduran Coup of 2009 *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 25(1): 105-127.

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Christopher R. Ellis. 2012. Partisan Moods: Polarization and Party Preference Dynamics. *Journal of Politics* 74(1): 277-291.

Ellis, Christopher R. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2011. United We Divide? Education, Income, and Heterogeneity in Mass Partisan Polarization. in Peter Enns and Christopher Wlezien eds. *Who Gets Represented?* New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 61-92.

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Patrick C. Wohlfarth. 2010. "An Appeal to the People": Public Opinion and Congressional Support for the Supreme Court. *Journal of Politics* 72(4): 939-956.

Sill, Kaitlyn L., Joseph Daniel Ura, and Stacia L. Haynie. 2010. Strategic Passing and Opinion Assignment on the Burger Court. *Justice System Journal* 31(2): 164-179.

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2009. The Supreme Court and Issue Attention: The Case of Homosexuality. *Political Communication* 26(4): 430-446.

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Christopher R. Ellis. 2008. Income, Preferences, and the Dynamics of Policy Responsiveness. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 41(4): 785-794.

Ellis, Christopher R., Joseph Daniel Ura, and Jenna Ashley-Robinson. 2006. The Dynamic Consequences of Nonvoting in American National Elections. *Political Research Quarterly* 59(2): 227-233.

Editor Reviewed Publications

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Erica M. Socker.2011. The Behavioral Political Economy of Budget Deficits: How Starve the Beast Policies Feed the Machine. *The Forum* 9(2): Article 7.

Media

"Texas A&M Researchers Reject 'Starving the Beast' Theory" *The Eagle* (Bryan, TX) February 6, 2012.

"So-Called Tax Breaks Don't Shrink Governments, They Swell Deficits" *The Globe and Mail* (Toronto, Canada) December 25, 2011.

"Vantage Point: Five Questions for Joseph Ura" *CQ Weekly* December 5, 2011.

"No, Starve the Beast Didn't Win" *Ten Square Miles* (blog operated by *Washington Monthly*) August 3, 2011.

"Findings: A Daily Round-Up of Academic Studies" *National Affairs* August 1, 2011.

"Huckabee, Romney, and the Beast" *ThinkProgress* March 13, 2011.

"Starve the Beast Means Feed the Machine" *Marginal Revolution* March 11, 2011.

Other Publications

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2013. Supreme Court Decisions in Favor of Gay Marriage Would Not Go 'Too Far, Too Fast.' *Pacific Standard* June 20. http://www.psmag.com/politics/supreme-court-tk-60537/.

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Francisco I. Pedraza. 2012. Public Support for the Supreme Court: The Promise and Peril of Arizona v. United States. *Latino Decisions* June 12. http://www.latinodecisions.com/blog/2012/06/12/public-support-for-the-supreme-court-the-promise-and-peril-of-arizona-v-united-states/.

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2012. Evaluating the Death Penalty. in Theodore J. Lowi, Benjamin Ginsberg, Kenneth A. Shepsle, and Stephen Ansolabehere *American Government: Power and Purpose* 12 ed. New York: W.W. Norton, 138-139.

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2011. Another Look at UT Productivity Report. *Texas Tribune* June 9. http://www.texastribune.org/texas-education/higher-education/guest-column-another-look-ut-productivity-report/.

Works in Progress

Competing Public Agency: Public Opinion, the Separation of Powers, and Judicial Self-Restraint.

The Majoritarian Basis of Judicial Countermajoritarianism (with Jim Rogers).

Vetoes and Representation: Balancing Private Judgements and Position Taking in Legislative Voting.

Latinos' Knowledge of the Supreme Court (with Francisco Pedraza).

Education, Political Knowledge, and Latinos' Diffuse Support for the U.S. Supreme Court (with Francisco Pedraza).

Elections, Legitimacy, and Judicial Independence (with Nick Conway and Carlie Fogleman).

Peasants *and* Bankers: Presidential Approval and the U.S. Economy Revisited (with Carlie Fogleman and Delia Goolsby).

Partisan Polarization and the Decline of Economic Voting in American National Elections (with Christopher Ellis).

The Public Administration of the Supreme Court: The Chief Justice, Management, and Consensus (with Carla Flink).

Signaling, Politicization, and the Solicitor General's Influence on Supreme Court Justices (with Patrick Wohlfarth and Alexander Morin).

Courts and Public Opinion. Invited chapter for the *Oxford Handbook on the Law and Judiciary*, Lee Epstein and Stefanie Lindquist eds. Oxford University Press.

The Supreme Court and Issue Attention in the National Media. Invited chapter for *The Supreme Court and the Press*, Richard Davis ed. Cambridge University Press (with Nick Conway and Carlie Fogleman).

Grants

Research

Pedraza, Francisco. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2012. "*Arizona v. United States*: Latino Civic Engagement and Support for the Supreme Court." Seed Grant, Race and Ethnic Studies Institute, Texas A&M University ($5,000).

Pedraza, Francisco. and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2012. "*Arizona v. United States*: Latino Civic Engagement and Support for the Supreme Court." Seed Grant, Program for Equity, Race, and Governance, Texas A&M University ($3,000).

James R. Rogers and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2010. "The Majoritarian Basis of Judicial Countermajoritarianism." National Science Foundation (SES 1024016: $89,074).

Joseph Daniel Ura. 2008. "Peasants *and* Bankers: Presidential Approval and the U.S. Economy Revisited" Faculty Research Enhancement Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University ($4,000).

Academic Programs and Teaching

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2012. "Visiting Scholar for an Undergraduate Programs in American Politics." Charles G. Koch Foundation ($5,000).

Ura, Joseph Daniel and Maria Escobar-Lemmon. 2013. "Enhancing Mentoring and Peer Networks for Women and Parents in Political Science." ADVANCE Center, Texas A&M University ($6,900).

Wood, B. Dan, Jon R. Bond, Paul Kellstedt, and Joseph Daniel Ura. 2013. "Understanding the Causes and Consequences of Polarization in the American Political System." College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University ($28,500).

Ura, Joseph Daniel. 2012. "Visiting Scholar for an Undergraduate Research Seminar in Judicial Politics." Charles G. Koch Foundation ($4,700).

Competitive Travel Awards

Hayek Fund For Scholars Travel Award, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University. 2011.

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association. 2007.

Research and Economic Development Faculty Travel Grant, Louisiana State University. 2007.

National Science Foundation-EITM Institute Travel Grant. 2005.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Graduate School Travel Grant. 2004.

Other Selected Fellowships and Awards

Honorable Mention, CQ Press Award for the Best Paper by a Graduate Student, Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (2006)

Duke University-University of North Carolina American Politics Research Group Academic Year Grant (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005)

Duke University-University of North Carolina American Politics Research Group Summer Research Grant (2003, 2004, 2005)

University Fellowship, George Washington University (2001-2002)

Scottish Rite Foundation Memorial Graduate Fellowship (2001-2002)

Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society (Inducted 2001)

Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society (Inducted 2000)

Golden Key, National Academic Honor Society (Inducted 2000)

Caroline Arden Prize for the Outstanding Political Science Major, George Washington University (2000)

National Merit Scholarship (1998-2001)

Presidential Academic Scholarship, George Washington University (1998-2001)

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, State of Tennessee (1998-2001)

Conference Participation

Papers Presented

Peasants *and* Bankers: The American Electorate and the U.S. Economy Revisited (with Delia Acevedo and Carlie Fogleman). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2013).

Partisan Polarization and the Decline of Economic Voting in American National Elections (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (September 2012).

Vetoes and Representation: Balancing Private Judgements and Position Taking in Legislative Voting. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2012).

The Public Administration of the Supreme Court: The Chief Justice, Management, and Consensus (with Carla Flink). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2012).

The Majoritarian Basis of Judicial Countermajoritarianism [Revised] (with James Rogers). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2011).

Partisan Moods (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC (September 2010).

The Macro Politics of the United States Supreme Court. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2010).

Deficits and Demand for Government: How Starve the Beast Policies Feed the Machine (with Erica Socker). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2010).

Income Inequality and the Asymmetric Nature of Mass Polarization (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Toronto, Ontario, Canada (August 2009).

Judicial Selection Institutions and the Politics of Judicial Authority. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2009).

United We Divide? Heterogeneity in Mass Response to Elite Party Polarization (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Boston, MA (August 2008).

The Institutionalization of State Courts of Last Resort (with Kathleen Bratton and Kaitlyn Sill). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Boston, MA (August 2008).

Asymmetries in Partisan Polarization (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2008).

The "Meecro" Polity: Uniting Micro and Macro Political Analysis (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (August 2007).

Peasants *and* Bankers: Presidential Approval and the U.S. Economy Revisited [Revised] (with Delia Goolsby). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2007).

Trust and the Dynamics of Supreme Court Institutionalization [Revised] (with Patrick Wolfarth). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2007).

Peasants *and* Bankers: Presidential Approval and the U.S. Economy Revisited (with Delia Goolsby). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2007).

Trust and the Dynamics of Supreme Court Institutionalization (with Patrick Wolfarth). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2007).

The Supreme Court and Mass Opinion Development(with Kaitlyn Sill and Stacia Haynie). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2007).

Strategic Passing and Opinion Assignment on the Burger Court (with Kaitlyn Sill and Stacia Haynie). Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Philadelphia, PA (August 2006).

The Unusual Suspect: The Supreme Court and Media Agenda Setting. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, GA (April 2006).

The Dynamics of Income and Representation: Reassessing the Political Origins of Inequality in the United States (with Christopher Ellis). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2006).

Measuring the Macro Judiciary. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: Atlanta, GA (January 2006).

The Supreme Court, the Media, and Public Opinion: The Case of Gay Rights. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Political Methodology Society: Tallahassee, FL (July 2005).

An Appeal to the People: Testing the Foundations of Modern Popular Constitutionalism. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2005).

Flipping the Flag: The Hidden Effects of Judicial Review. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2005).

Public Responsiveness to Supreme Court Decision-Making: A Macro Perspective. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (September 2004).

Dimensionality in Supreme Court Decision-Making: A Macro Perspective. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Political Methodology Society: Palo Alto, CA (July 2004).

Dimensions of the Congressional Gender Gap. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2004).

Judicial Review in the American Macro Polity. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association: Corpus Christi, TX (March 2004).

The Effects of Supreme Court Decisions on American Public Opinion. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2004).

A Congressional Gender Gap?: Gender and Ideology in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1971-1998. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2003).

Service as Panel Chair, Discussant, and Panel Organizer

Panel chair and discussant, "Public Opinion and the Courts," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2012).

Panel chair and discussant, "The Text and the Context: Agenda Setting, Opinion Writing, and Public Opinion," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Seattle, WA (September 2011).

Panel discussant, "Judicial Activism, Regime Politics, and the U.S. Supreme Court," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2011).

Panel discussant, "Legal Complexities," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC (September 2010).

Panel chair and discussant, "The Psychology of Partisanship," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Washington, DC (September 2010).

Panel discussant, "Changes to Judicial Institutions," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2010).

Panel chair and discussant, "Evaluation of Court Outputs and Electoral Consequences," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2009).

Panel discussant, "Public Opinion and Abortion," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2009).

Panel discussant, "Unpacking Court Dynamics," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2008).

Panel organizer, "*The Macro Polity* Five Years Later: New Directions in Macro Political Analysis," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (August 2007).

Panel discussant, "Courts and the Media," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association: Chicago, IL (April 2007).

Panel discussant, "Supreme Court Decision-Making," Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA (January 2007).

Invited Scholarly Presentations

University of Texas, School of Law, Conference on Judicial Countermajoritarianism: "The Majoritarian Basis of Judicial Countermajoritarianism." (March 2012)

University of Texas, School of Law: "The Majoritarian Basis of Judicial Countermajoritarianism." (February 2011)

Cornell University, Conference on Inequality and Representation: "United We Divide? Education, Income, and Heterogeneity in Mass Partisan Polarization." (October 2008)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Political Science: "Income, Preferences, and the Dynamics of Policy Responsiveness." (January 2007)

Michigan State University, Department of Political Science: "If We Are Wrong…the Courts Will Correct It: Legislative Decision-Making and Judicial Review." (November 2006)

Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science: "If We Are Wrong…the Courts Will Correct It: Legislative Decision-Making and Judicial Review." (October 2006)

Louisiana State University, Department of Political Science: "If We Are Wrong…the Courts Will Correct It: Legislative Decision-Making and Judicial Review." (January 2006)

George Washington University, Department of Political Science: "If We Are Wrong…the Courts Will Correct It: Legislative Decision-Making and Judicial Review." (October 2005)

Public Lectures

"The Leadership of President George H. W. Bush." George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, College Station, TX (February 2013).

"Mitt Romney Courts the Republican Party: What the Social Science of Dating Can Teach Us about Presidential Campaigns." George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, College Station, TX (February 2012).

"The 2008 Presidential Election." Freshman Leadership Organization, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX (November 2008).

Teaching Awards

Student Led Award for Teaching Excellence (Campus-Wide). 2010. Texas A&M University.

Student Undergraduate Teaching Award (Campus-Wide). 2005. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Earle Wallace Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching. 2004. Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Courses at Texas A&M University

Capstone Research Seminar [Judicial Politics Focus] (Fall 2012)

Constitutional Rights and Liberties (Fall 2012, Spring 2010)

National Judicial Politics (Fall 2013, Summer 2013, Fall 2010, Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008)

American National Government and Politics (Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2009, Summer 2008, Fall 2007)

Graduate Courses at Texas A&M

Judicial Politics (Fall 2010)

Macro Politics (Summer 2009)

American National Institutions (Fall 2013, Spring 2008)

Undergraduate Courses at Louisiana State University

National Judicial Politics (Spring 2007, Fall 2006)

Undergraduate Courses at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Constitutional and Judicial Politics (Fall 2005, Spring 2005)

State and Local Politics (Summer 2006 [Online, Course Developer], Spring 2006, Fall 2004)

American National Government and Politics (Spring 2005)

Graduate Student Supervision

Nicholas Conway, Ph.D. 2015. (Anticipated), Texas A&M University (Dissertation Committee Member)

Miwa Nakajo, Ph.D. 2014 (Anticipated), Texas A&M University (Dissertation Committee Member)

Megan Dyer, Ph.D. 2014 (Anticipated), Texas A&M University (Dissertation Committee Member)

Peyton Wofford, Ph.D. 2014 (Anticipated), Texas A&M University (Dissertation Committee Member). Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Central Arkansas.

McKinzie Craig, Ph.D. 2012, Texas A&M University (Dissertation Committee Member). Originally placed as Assistant Professor, Marietta College (OH).

Alexander Morin, M.A. 2010, Texas A&M University (Thesis Committee Member). Originally placed as Senior Research Analyst, The Corporate Executive Board.

Service *College and Departmental Service*

Chair, Strengthening Democracy Initiative Steering Committee, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (2013-Present).

Head's Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2012-2013).

Undergraduate Curriculum and Education Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2011-Present).

American Politics Search Committee (Full Professorship), Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2011-2012).

Computer and Information Technology Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (2010-2011).

American Politics Field Examination Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University (Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008, Spring 2008).

Graduate Education and Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, Louisiana State University (2006-2007).

American Politics Field Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2003-2006).

External Service

Judicial Politics Section Chair, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (2015).

Selection Committee, C. Herman Pritchett Award (Best Book), Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association (2012).

Referee for the *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Judicature*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Communication*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Polity*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, and the National Science Foundation.

Memberships American Political Science Association

- Law and Courts Section
- Society for Political Methodology
- Elections, Voting, and Public Opinion Section

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Professional Development

Workshop on the Constitutional Legacy of the American Revolution, Institute for Constitutional Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2009

Institute on the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Duke University, 2004

Future Faculty Program: Center for Teaching and Learning, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2004

Supreme Court Historical Society Summer Institute, Washington, DC, 2003

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